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The Council of Seventy.

The full program of summer school work of the American Institute, as announced in the June number of the BIBLICAL WORLD, namely, Lake Madison, N. D.; Pertle Springs, Mo.; Winfield, Kan.; Delavan, Wis.; Bay View, Mich.; Chautauqua, N. Y.; Monteagle, Tenn.; the University of Chicago, Chicago; Ocean Park, Me., and the Maine Ministers' Institute, Lewiston, Me., was carried out as announced, with one exception. For unavoidable reasons the engagement at Monteagle was canceled, and the work there was carried on by local talent. Another school, at the Monona Lake Assembly, Madison, Wis., was added after the announcement referred to above was made, Professor Shailer Mathews having the work in charge. The number in attendance at these various schools is estimated at about 1,200. It should be remembered that in several schools regular classes were conducted, while at only a few places the public lecture plan was followed. At all these schools, and at forty Chautauqua assemblies, literature concerning the non-resident work of the Institute was distributed, and names from these sources are coming in.

Arrangements are already being made for courses of lectures during the winter under members of the Council. It is too early to make detailed announcement of these. Courses have been arranged at Oak Park, Ill.; Austin, Ill.; Milwaukee, Wis., and at centers in Chicago. Dr. H. L. Willett will conduct several of these courses.

A larger interest than usual is being manifested in the work of organizing clubs for Bible study. Many ministers are waking up to its value in providing an intelligent nucleus of leaders in the congregation, and young people's societies are also becoming more thoroughly interested. Letters such as the following are common:

Your letter of the 23d asking about the prospect of our Bible Club is at hand. I would say in reply that we hope to have this year a club of *one hundred members*. We have not done much work yet, but we expect to after the first of September.

For the purpose of working up the club, if you are willing, I should like the following: This may seem a large number to ask for, but I expect to use every one of them judiciously. I shall devote a day or two and make a personal canvass to secure members. Many of the members who took the course last year informed me that it has been a revelation to them.

The Council hopes in 1899-1900 to see the usual yearly enrollment of 5,000 largely increased.